One Touch of Nature.

For time is like a fashionable host That slightly shakes his parting guest by

the hand, And with his arms outstretched, as h

would fly. Grasps in the comer; we come ever smiles And farewell goes out sighing. O, let not

virtue seek nuneration for the thing it was;

For beauty, wit, High birth, vigor of bone, desert in ser-

High birth, vigor of bone, deservice, vice,
Love, friendship, charity, are subjects all To envious and calumniating time.
One touch of nature makes the whole world kin—
That all, with one consent, praise newborn gauds.
Though they are made and molded of things past, And give to dust that is a little gilt More land than gilt o'er-dusted.—Shakespeare.

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In a speech made in New York last Wednesday, says the Baltimore Sun, Mrs. Charles Fafrbanks, president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, was understood as making an attack on Mrs. Donald McLean, a former Marylander, and an active candidate to succeed Mrs. Fafrbanks at the annual D. A. Congress to be held during April, in continental Hall, Washington, D. C. Because, of the high standing socially of both women, Mrs. Fafrbanks being the wife of the Vice-President-elect, and Mrs. McLean being a leader in New York, Mrs. Fafrbanks's utterances caused amazement among the assembled "Daughters."

### Miss Mitchell Entertains.

Miss Maggie Mitchell entertained a few Miss Maggie Mitchell entertained a few friends very informally but very pleasantly at her home Thursday evening. Among those present were Misses Irene Davenport, Cora Cooke, Mamle, Ora and Ruth Mitchell, Mrs. F. Mitchell, Misses Fannie Adams, Lella Putze and Laura Martin; Messrs. Perrin, Sharp, Adams, McAllistor, Garnett and Mitchell.

### Hearts and Valentines.

Miss Lottle Claytor celebrated her Miss Lottle, Claytor celebrated her birthday Thursday evening with a number of her friends in a game of "Hearts and Valentines," After the game supper was served, Those present were Misses Gwynn, Whitmore, Gleun, Klein, Lambert, Claytor and Smithers; Messrs, Davis, Rowland, Glenn, Thomas, Rainey, Smither, Gaulding, Claytor, Bernichl and Clark, Mrs. Rainey and Mrs. Smither assisted Mrs. Claytor in the dining room.

### Tayloe-Williams.

A pretty wedding was celebrated on Wednesday last, when Miss Bessie Coleman Williams, the daughter of Mrs. William G. Williams, of Orange county, was married to Mr. George Willis Tayloo, the Rev. John S. Hansbrough officiating. The ceremony was performed at "Berry Hilli," in Orange, the home of Mr. Wilin Orange, the home of Mr. Will liam C. Williams, the bride's brother.

### Personal Mention.

Miss Fredley will leave soon to go with a party of friends by way of Mobile, Ala-bama, to Havana, Cuba. The party have the prospect of a charming tour.

Miss Leah Tallaferro, the daughter of General William Tallaferro, of Gloucester county, is the guest of the Misses Mun-ford at No. 307 West Franklin Street.

The Pocahontas Club, of Newport News, gave a delightful dinner party Monday evening in honor of Miss Evelyn Croxton Gordon, of this city. Other guests included Dr. and Mrs. William Roane Aylett, Miss Janle Wingo, of Richmond; Miss Susan Gordon Webb, of Williamsburg, and the Misses Carr.

Miss Sallie Clarke Cullen, who has been spending the winter very pleasantly with her cousins, the Misses Pettis, in Richmond, has returned to her home in Farm-

Miss Dolliah Cipton, of Hanover county, has an orange tree which has sixty-one ripe oranges on it. She also has a lemon tree with eleven ripe lemons. Some of the fruit is very ane.

Miss Mary Johnston, of No. 503 West Franklin Street, was a hostess at cards Friday afternoon.

Miss Mary Gibson, of Newport News, who has been the guest of Miss Nelson Maxwell, in Staunton, is visiting her brother in Richmond.

Mrs. E. W. Venable, of Farmville, en-tertained at "Hearts" last Monday evening in honor of this Bessie Hunter, who is visiting her.

Miss Mattie Shreckhise has left for her to Mrs. McAlister, in this city,

Mrs. F. L. Hewitt has returned from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Floyd Hughes, in Norfolk.

Cards are out for the marriage on March, 7th, or Miss Nellie Beaumont Clarkson, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Henry M. Clarkson, to Mr. Robert Lee Reading. The ceremony will take place in St. Paul's Church, Jiny Market, Va., where Dr. Clarkson and his fumily now live.

The Confederate monument to be un-veiled at Amelia Courthouse has been placed in the square and the unveiling deremonial will, it is believed, take place in the early summer.

Friends of Mr. Augustus Drewry, who has been very ill in the home of his father, Major Clay Drewry, will be glad to hear that he is better.

Mrs. Richmond Pearson, formerly Miss Gay Thomas, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Thomas M. Ruherford, at No. 112 East Grace Street.

Among the number of Richmond people, in addition to those already mentioned, who attended the wedding of Lieutenant and Mrs. Lewis Brown, in Norfolk, Wed-

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### COURAGE.

By CELIA THAXTER.

Cella Thaxter, one of our American poets, was born at Portsmouth, N. H., in 1886. She is the author of "Among the Isle of Shoals," "Driftwood," and "Poems for Children," She died at the Isle of Shoals in 1884.



ECAUSE I hold it sinful to despond, And will not let the bitterness of life Blind me with burning tears, but look beyond Its tumult and its strife;

Because I lift my head above the mist, Where the sun shines, and the broad breezes blow, By every ray and every raindrop kissed That God's love doth bestow:

Think you I find no bisterness at all? No burden to be borne, like Christian's pack? Think you there are no ready tears to fall, Because I keep them back?

Why should I hug life's ills with cold reserve, To curse myself and all who love me? Nay! A thousand times more good than I deserve God gives me every day.

And in each one of these rebellious tears Kept bravely back, He makes a rainbow shine; Grateful I take his slightest gift,-no fears, Nor any doubts are mine.

Dark skies must clear, and when the clouds are past, One golden day redeems a weary year; Patient I listen, sure that sweet, at last, Will sound His voice of cheer.

Then vex me not with chiding. Let me be; I must be glad and grateful to the end; I grudge you not your cold and darkness,-me The powers of light befriend.



nesday, were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas N. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mayo, Miss Frances Scott and Miss Katherine Yonge.

The Confederate Memorial Literary Society will meet Wednesday, February 22. at 11 A. M., in the Confederate Mus-

### TIMES-DISPATCH PATTERNS.



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# TO ANNUL CHARTER

An Interesting Case to Come Before the Circuit Court of Amherst County.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

AMHERST, VA., Fob. 1.7.—The February term of the Circuit Court of Amherst county will begin next Monday. One of the most interesting cases which will come up is a suit which has been brought by some of the citizens of the town of Madison Heights, in this county, to annul and abrogate the charter of that town, which was granted by the last session of the Legislature. Many new questions arising under the new Constitution will be presented in this case.

One of the main grounds upon which the charter is being attacked is that the officers of the town were not qualified to hold office at the time at which they were elected, not having paid their poll tax at least six months before the election, and not being exempt by law from this provision.

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tion, and not being exempt by haw from this provision.

The oldest residents can scarcely remember a time when there was so much ice on the ground as at present. The whole county is one solid sheet. Traveling is quite dangerous on account of the slippery condition of the roads.

The twenty-four convicts which Amherst recently procured from the penitentiary are being held in readness to begin work on the roads as soon as the weather will permit. They have been divided into two forces of twelve each, and it is the hope of the county authorities to keep these two forces permanently employed.

### MANY SEARCHING.

No Tidings From Senator, Beasley's Lost Child.

ley's Lost Child.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

SUFFOLK, VA., Feb. 17.—The last reports from Currituck county, N. C., say no trace yet has been found of eightyear-old Kenneth Heusley, son of State Schator Beasley, who has been mysteriously missing since Monday. Hurricanse Branch, whose son and bloodhounds have been seeking the child, said to-night he had probably been kidnapped. It is feared the suspense will cause the loss of Mrs. Beasley's mind.

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VOWS OF THE METHODISTS

Interesting services will be held to-mor row in all the churches.

Rev. C. H. MoGhee, paster of Asbury
Place Methodist Church, will preach at

il A. M. on "The Vow of Faith and Obed-ience." This is the third in the series of "The Vows that Methodists Assume." The subject at 8. P. M. will be "The Great and Imperishable Wealth of the Christian."

The regular service will be held in Randolph Street Baptist Church to-morrow; preaching by the pastor, Rev. W. E. Robertson. The morning subject will be "The Saviour Tempted." Mr. William Conklyn, baritone vocalist, will sing. The themo at night will be "Confession and Forgiveness." "The Willing Holpers" will meet at 3:30 in the afternoon.

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At St. Paul's Episcopal Church there will, be the regular divine service and Holy Communion will be held, and at 11 A: M.; evening service at 8 o'clock, conducted by Rev. W. H. H. Powers, of Towson, Md.

In Grove Avonue Baptist Church the pastor, Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, will have for his subject at the morning service "What the Eye Cannot Say to the Hand, Nor the Head to the Feet." The subject will be a discussion of the law of mutual dependence in industrial, intellectual and spiritual life. The topic of the evoning discourse will be "The True Christian's Mastery of Fear."

At the Second Baptist Church, Dr.

At the Second Baptist Church, Dr. Smith's themes morning and evening will be "Universal Peace; or, He Maketh Wars to Cease," and "Christ Formed Within You."

At Bethlehem English Lutheran Church Rev. F. Meuschker's morning subject will be "The Last Shall Be First and the First Last"; night subject, "Things We Should Not Be Ignorant Of." The paster will preach morning and night.

At the Pine Street Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. J. M. Plicher will preach at 11 A. M., and the pastor, Rev. J. B. Hutson, will preach at night

At Leigh Street Baptist Church to-morrow, Rov. Rufus W Weaver, of Bal-timore, will preach at 11 A. M and 8 P. M. In the morning the subject will be "Passion For rerfection"; in the evening. "If There Be No Hell." Dr. Weaver will preach every evening at 8 o'clock next week.

At Broadus Memorial Church the pastor, Rav. C. B. Stealey, will preach morning and night; morning subject, "God and the Average Man." At 8 P. M. the theme will be, "Time-What Are You Doing With It?"

At the Calvary Baptist Sunday-school this morning Miss Doza Mitchell will sing. Her accompanist will be Mrs. G. H. Whitfield. As usual, Mr. Fellx Iardelia will be on hand with his clarionette. For the past several weeks this school has made a special feature of good music, much to the delight of the regular attendants and the visitors.

Rev. Henry Pearce Atkins will preach at West End Christian Church, morn-ing and night to-morrow. The subject at night will be "The First Missionary Journey-Paul at Lystra."

Rev. B. H. Melion's subjects at Marshall Street Christian Church to-morrow will be, in the morning, "Self-Denial and the Kingdom," and in the evening, "The Happy Reunion in Heaven." The sermon to-morrow night will be the

At the West End Baptist Church, the pastor, Rev. Dr. L. M. Mercer, will preach morning and night; morning subject, "Perceiving God's Hand"; evening subject, "Seen of Men and Yet Unseen."

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Evening services will be resumed at St. Mark's to-morrow at 8 o'clock. Dr. W. E. Evans will preach to-morrow night. Rev. John H. Dickinson, February 26th; Rev. J. Y. Downman, March 5th; Rev. John H. Dickinson, March 12th; Rev. John H. Dickinson, March 12th; Rev. John h. Dickinson, March 12th; Rev. Thomas Semmes, March 25th. The Lenten services at this church will be held on Monday afternoons at 5 o'clock. Monday afternoon, Mach 13th, Dr. William Evans will preach; March 20th, Rev. John H. Dickinson; March 27th, Rev. G. Otis Mead; April 2d, Rev. W. Meade Clark, and April 10th, Rev. Thomas Semmes.

Ray. George H. Spooner will preach at Broad Street Methodist Church at the morning hour upon the subject, "Con-science," and at the evening hour on "Pennies Weighing More Than Dollars."

Dr. Witherspoon, paster of Grace Sirect Presbyterian Church, will occupy his pulpit both to-morrow morning and at night. "The doctor will take for his morning sub-ject, "Obeying the Gospel," and at night his subject will be "The Christian's Manner of Life."

Life."

To-morrow morning Dr. Gardner will preach at the Grace Street Church on "God's Giving and Taking." and in the evening on "Forcaken by God."

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"Ah," he replied, "there's another little thing I have not told you. After you had left the house with Miss Darrow on the night of the murder, and all the servants had retired, I locked the parlor securely and quietly slipped out to look about a bit. As you know, the moon was very bright, and any object moderately near was plainly visible. I went around to the eastern side of the house, where the prints of the hand and boards were found, and examined them with extreme care. What I particularly wished to "Ah," he replied, "there's another little the prints of the hand and boards were found, and examined them with extreme care. What I particularly wished to learn was the direction taken by the assassin as he left the house, and the point at which he had removed the boards from his feet. The imprints of the boards were clearly discernible so far as the loose gravel extended, but beyond that nothing could be discovered. I sat down and pondered over the matter. I had about concluded to drive two nails into the heels of my boots, to enable me to distinguish my own footprints from any other trail I might intersect, and then, starting with the house as a center, to describe an involute about it in the hope of being able to detect some one or more points where my course crossed that of the assassin when I remembered that my friend, Burwell, whose Uncle Tom's Cabin combination recently situaded at Brockton, was at home. As you are perhaps aware, and uncle Tom company consists of a 'Legree,' one or two 'Markses,' one or two 'Topsies,' 'Uncle Tom.' a Little Eva, who should not be over lifty years oldor at least should not appear to be—two bloodhounds and anybody else that happens to be available. It really doesn't make the least difference how many or walked, succeeded in cutting and rewriting the piece so as to double 'George Harris' and 'Legree,' 'Marks' and 'Topsy,' 'Uncle Tom' and Little Eva,' As for the rest, he had it so arranged that he could himself 'got off the door' in time to 'do,' with the aid of the door' in time to 'do, with the aid of the door' in time to o'do, with the aid of the door in time to o'do, with the aid of the door in time to 'do, with the aid of the door in time to deep tharris and 'Legree,' 'Marks' and 'Topsy,' 'Uncle Tom' and Little Eva,' As for the rest, he had it so arranged that he could himself 'got off the door' in time to 'do,' with the aid of the door in time to 'do, with the aid of the door in time to 'do, with the aid of the door in time to 'do, with the aid of the door in time to 'do, with the aid of the door in time to 'do What I particularly wished

(Copyright, by Dodd, Meade & Co.) both told that Little Evn. is asleep, and Topsy' peeps cautiously between the curtains and romarks that the child's eyes are open and staring. The father looks in, and, overcome by grief, informs the audience that his child is dead. Topsy, tearful and grief-stricken, 'gets off right and washes up to 'do' Little Eva' climbing the golden stalr in the last tableau. Meanwhile 'Uncle Tom,' in a paroxysm of grief, throws himself upon the bed and holds the stage till he smells the red fire for the vision; then he staggors down stage, strikes an attitude; the others do 'kwwise; picture of 'Little Eva,' curtain. Talk about doubling 'Marcellus,' Polonius,' Ospic' and the 'First Grave Digger!, Why, that's nothing to these 'Uncle Tom' productions. But hold on; where did I get sidetracked? Oh, yes, the dogs. "Well, as I was saying, as soon as I thought of Burwell, I made up my mind at once to borrow one of his house. When I knocked at the door both Pompey and Caesar began sub-bass solos of growls, and Burwell was awake in a minute. I told him I wanted a dog for private business, and took Caesar of with me, He found the trail with no difficulty, and followed it in a bee line down to the water, where he raised his big muzzlo and howled in dismal impoiency. The assassin how the dor to be of the had released to the down to the water, where he raised his big muzzlo and howled in dismal impoiency. The assassin how he had down the shore to see if he had release the same and to the water. I took the dog up and down the shore to see if he had release the same and the doer both his house which a pole had been cut. I knew by the dog's

lings with Chinamen, we shall probably deem it wise to look the Orientals up a bit.

We immediately acted upon this suggestion, waiting upon Gwen at my house, She said shey and her father had spent a year in San Francisco when she was about seven years of age. While there their household was looked after by two Chinese servants named Wah Bing and Sam Lee. The inter had been discharged by her father because of his refusal to perform certain minor duties which inrough oversight, had not been set down as part of his work when he was ensaged. So far as she knew, no altercation had taken place and there were no hard feelings on either side. Sam Lee had bade her good-bye and had seemed sorry to leave, notwithstanding which, however, he refused, with true Chinese perlinacity, to assume the new duties. She dai not think it likely that either of these Chinsmen had been instrumental in her father's death, yet she agreed with Maitland that it would be a point gained to be assured of this fact. Maitland accordingly de-

or this fact. Maitiand accordingly determined to depart at one for San Francisco, and the next day he was off.

We received no letters from him during his absence, and were, accordingly, unable to tell when he expected to get back. Since his return from India Gwen kind glyen ovidence of a reviving interest in life, but now that he was again away, she relapsed into her old listless condition, from which we found it impossible to arouse her. Alice, who did her utmost to please her, was at her wits end. She could never tell which of two alternatives Gwen preferred, since that young lady would invariably express herself eatisfied with either, and did not seem to realize why she should be expected to have any choice in the matter. Alice was quite at a loss to understand this state of affairs, until I told her that Gwen was in a condition of semi-torpor, in which even the effort of choice seemed an unwarrantable outlay. She simply didn't gave a sense of fatigue, and even what she saw was viewed as from afar, and seemed to her a drama in which she took no other part than that of an idle, tired and listless spectator. Clearly, she was losing her hold on life. I told Alice we must do our utmost to arouse her, to stimulate her will, to awaken her interest, and we tried many things in vain. Maitland had been gone, I think, about three weeks, when my sister and I lit upon a plan which we thought might have the desired effect upon Gwen. Before her father's death she had been one of the most active members of a Young People's Club, which devoted every Wednesday evening to the study of Shakespeare. She had attended none of its meetings since her bereavement, but allice and I soon persuaded her to accompany us on the following week, and I succeeded, by a little quite wire-pulling, in getting her appointed to take charge of the following meeting, which was to be devoted every Wednesday evening the matter. I took occasion to draw Maitland aside, and lond the most Alice and I wone persuaded her to accompany is on the following me

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